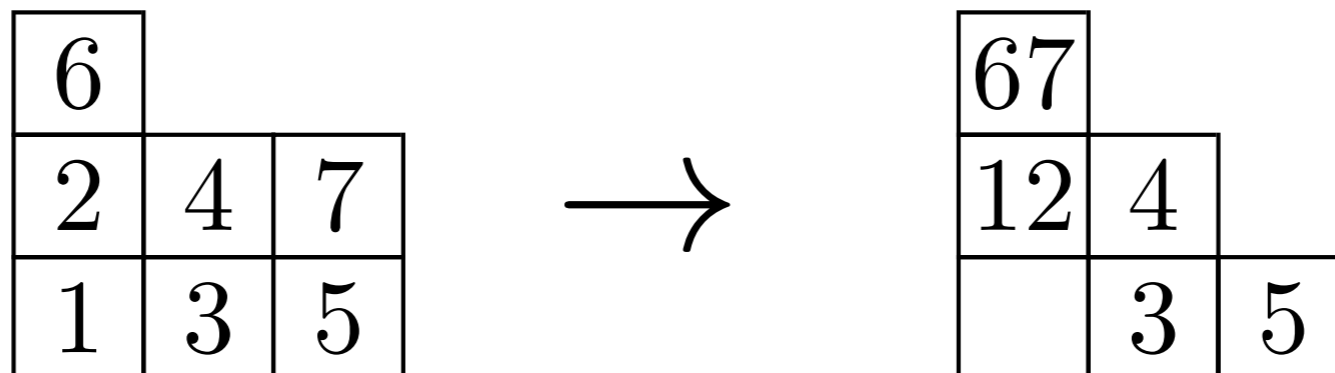


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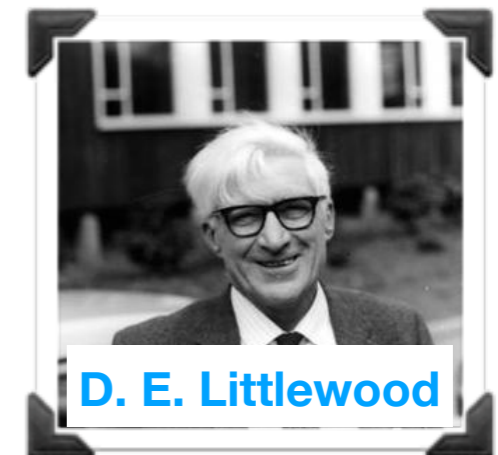
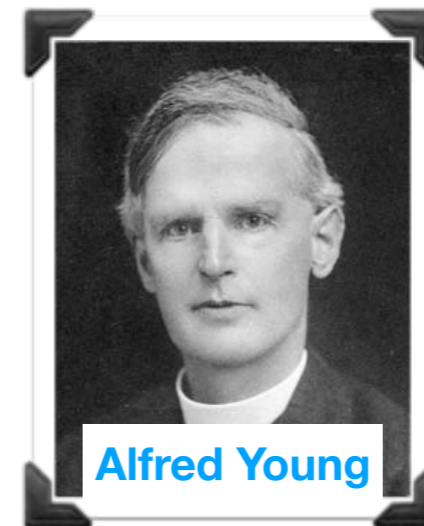
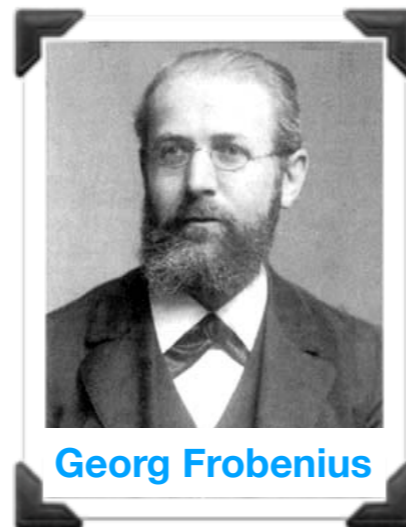
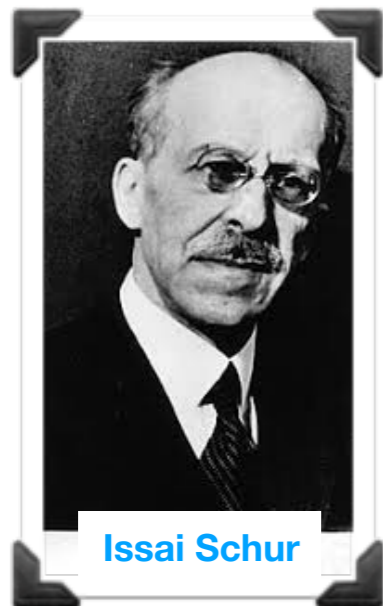
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Robinson-Schensted-Knuth

$$n! = \sum_{\lambda \vdash n} (\# \text{ pairs of std tableaux of shape } \lambda)$$

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Notes and references

The Littlewood–Richardson rule (9.2) was first stated, but not proved, in [L13] (p. 119). The proof subsequently published by Robinson [R5], and reproduced in Littlewood’s book ([L9], pp. 94–6) is incomplete, and it is this proof that we have endeavoured to complete.

Complete proofs of the rule first appeared in the 1970s ([S7], [T4]).† Since then, many other formulations, proofs and generalizations have appeared, some of which are covered by the following references: Bergeron and Garsia [B4]; James [J7]; James and Peel [J10]; James and Kerber [J9]; Kerov [K8]; Littelmann [L7], [L8]; White [W3]; and Zelevinsky [Z2], [Z3].

† Gordon James [J8] reports that he was once told that ‘the Littlewood–Richardson rule helped to get men on the moon, but it was not proved until after they had got there. The first part of this story might be an exaggeration.’

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*where x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n
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$$S_n \subseteq GL_n$$

$$A_{(134)(25)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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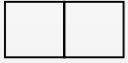
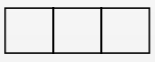
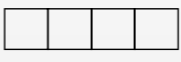
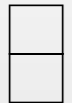
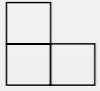
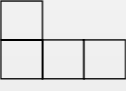


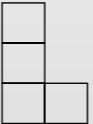

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|--|--------|------|--|-----------|---------|-------|--|--------------|------------|----------|----------|--------|
| | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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Finding a “nice” combinatorial formula for the coefficients $r_{\lambda\mu}$ will take some development of the linear algebra and combinatorics of this basis. This is known as the “restriction problem.” The answer is closely related to (inner and outer) plethysm.

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| • | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| □ | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 1 |
| ▢▢ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| ▢ ▢ | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
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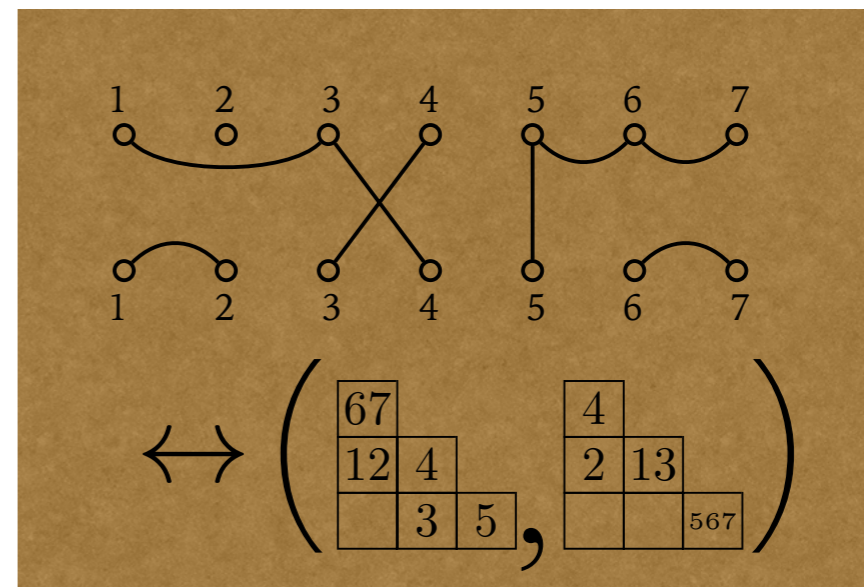
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| | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|---|--|
| 2 | 3 | | | | | |
| $\bar{2}$ | $\bar{2}$ | 1 | 2 | | | |
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Reduced Kronecker coefficients

$$\tilde{s}_\lambda[X_n]\tilde{s}_\mu[X_n] = \sum_{\gamma} \bar{g}_{\lambda\mu\gamma} \tilde{s}_\gamma[X_n]$$

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$$M^{(n-|\lambda|,\lambda)} \otimes M^{(n-|\mu|,\mu)} \simeq \bigoplus_{\gamma} (M^{(n-|\gamma|,\gamma)})^{\oplus \bar{g}_{\lambda\mu\gamma}}$$

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| 2 | 3 | | | | | |
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Theorem - combinatorial interpretation

$$\tilde{s}_{\mu_1}[X_n] \tilde{s}_{\mu_2}[X_n] \cdots \tilde{s}_{\mu_\ell}[X_n] \tilde{s}_\lambda[X_n] \leq s_{\mu_1}[X_n] s_{\mu_2}[X_n] \cdots s_{\mu_\ell}[X_n] \tilde{s}_\lambda[X_n]$$

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| $\bar{1}$ | $\bar{1}$ | $\bar{2}1$ | $\bar{2}12$ |
| | | | |

| | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---|
| $\bar{1}$ | $\bar{1}$ | $\bar{2}1$ | $\bar{2}2$ | |
| | | | | 1 |

| | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| $\bar{1}$ | $\bar{1}$ | $\bar{2}11$ | $\bar{2}2$ |
| | | | |

◆ *set entries*

- *column strict and satisfies a lattice condition*
 - *have shape $(r, \gamma)/(\gamma_1)$*
 - *content λ in the barred entries*
 - *content μ in the unbarred entries*
 - *at most one barred entry per cell*
 - *first row cannot have only barred entries*
- ◆ *first row cannot have sets of size 1*

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Reduced Kronecker coefficients and the “restriction problem” seem to be closely related. There should be a notion of ‘lattice’ on these families of tableaux which simultaneously solves both of these problems

Merci!

*Mon cher LaCIM, c'est à ta ton tour
de te laisser parler d'amour....*

Bon 50ième anniversaire!